

By FRANK JENKINS

Sample of what's wrong with the world: The central committee of the Soviet communist party (the Moscow) offered greetings today to North Koreans for COURAGEOUSLY DEFENDING THE INDEPENDENCE AND THE FREEDOM OF THEIR MOTHERLAND AGAINST FOREIGN AGGRESSORS.

That's pure propaganda. Like most pure propaganda, it's flatly false from beginning to end. Originally, there was no North Korea. There was just Korea. They the Russians came in. They communized Korea as far south as the 38th parallel.

Then— At the psychological moment—the communized North Koreans moved AS AGGRESSORS into South Korea to make communists out of the South Koreans—or kill them off.

After that— When the AGGRESSOR North Koreans found they couldn't hack it and were taking a licking— The AGGRESSOR communist Chinese moved in and joined the AGGRESSOR North Koreans in aggressive war against the South Koreans.

This is the point: At NO time have the North Koreans been defending the freedom and independence of their motherland. From the start, they've been waging aggressive war against their brother South Koreans. The statement of the central committee of the Soviet communist party is a PURE AND UNADULTERATED LIE put out in the hope that if it is repeated often enough it will eventually be believed.

Here, I think, is what is happening: In this modern world, which has become disorganized and upset by the techniques of falsehood are being perfected far more rapidly than the techniques of truth. As a result, we are approaching a point where NOBODY believes ANYBODY.

How can you run a decent world if nobody any longer believes anybody? How can you have PEACE in a world in which nobody believes anybody? How can you have prosperity and good sound business if nobody is any longer willing to take anybody's word for anything?

For a long, long time, I've had the AWFUL feeling that I can't believe anything our government tells us. It has seemed to me that we have been told only what our government wants us to believe SO IT CAN HANDLE US in the way it wants to handle us. Maybe I'm wrong. But I certainly have that feeling. It is a SICKENING feeling. It robs one of all hope and faith. How can you get anywhere if you can't believe and trust your leaders?

That's why I have been for Ike from the start. I have the feeling that I can TRUST him. In part, it is based on his record—which has been outstandingly good. In part, it is INSTINCTIVE.

Whatever the reasons for it, it is a HOPEFUL feeling. I WANT to have hope. I'm heart sick and bone-weary of doubt, criticism and frustration. I want to follow somebody I can believe and trust. That's why I'm going to vote for Ike.

### State Declares Report Secret

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said Friday that the controversial official document on Korea cited by Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon is still a "top secret" document in department files. Morse, who bolted the Republican party earlier this month, quoted from the paper Monday to show that Dwight Eisenhower, the Republican presidential nominee, had recommended the withdrawal of American troops from South Korea three years before the start of the Korean war.

## Investigation Starts In Westbrook Case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A "top-to-bottom" investigation was under way today into a government deal to buy nine million dollars of tungsten, already the center of a political storm causing rough words on both sides of the Atlantic. Defense Materials Administrator Jess Larson—who signed the contract and then canceled it as chief buyer of critical goods for the government—told a news conference yesterday he is heading the investigation.

## Court Hears Jailbreak Testimony

It was John Brandon, 26-year-old federal prisoner, who slugged Sheriff Ketterberg, turnkey at the County Jail, the night of Oct. 21 when two prisoners escaped from the lockup, according to testimony heard in a District Court examination this morning. A preliminary hearing for three young men charged with assault, in connection with the break was being conducted by District Judge D. R. Vandenberg.

They are John Brandon, 26-year-old ex-sailor who was being held here for transfer to McNeil Island Federal Prison; Robert (Hobby) Kral, 19, held on a morals charge; and Don Reichardt, 21, held as a deserter from the U. S. Marines. SURRENDER Brandon and Kral got out, surrendered to Sheriff Red Britton a few hours later.

Ketterberg was hospitalized for several days by the injuries he received during the escape, and appeared in court today with cuts and scars on his head and both eyes blackened. The story of his testimony was that he had opened the door to the jail tier on the second floor to let two trustees in, and saw Brandon in a corridor just beyond the door.

He testified that he remembered Brandon hitting him in the mouth with his fist, and from then on things were hazy, but that he knew his heavy ring of keys had been taken away from him and that he was hit on the head with them. Ketterberg said Brandon was the only one of the three defendants he could remember being in the corridor.

An Indian prisoner, Gilbert Nelson of Modoc Point, testified that he watched through the door of the jail bullpen and saw Brandon hit Ketterberg on the head with the key ring and kick him in the chest. He said he heard Brandon call out to someone: "Are you going?"

Then, Nelson testified, Kral came out into the corridor and Kral and Brandon went downstairs. REICHARDT In neither man's testimony was there any mention of Reichardt, but District Attorney Frank Alderson has indicated he believed Reichardt assisted in planning the break.

Another prisoner, Ivan Wilcher, gave the courtroom a laugh when he was testifying to the happenings of the night. Wilcher related he was a trusty asked by Alderson if anything unusual occurred there that night, he replied:

"Well, I don't think so . . . nothing but the jail break." It was Wilcher and another trusty who brought Ketterberg out of the corridor after the jailer had been beaten, and spread the alarm after the break.

### Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy with a few brief showers in nearby mountains today. Fair tonight and tomorrow, with increasing cloudiness tomorrow. High both days 62, low tonight 27. High temp yesterday 57. Low last night 30. Precip yesterday .9. Since Oct. 1 1.14. Normal for period 1.83. Same period last year 2.09.

One of the three, Col. Lawrence Westbrook, was fired Wednesday night as a Democratic National Committee official. Democratic Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell ordered the dismissal. The New York Herald Tribune story called the case "the biggest 5 per cent deal ever exposed in Washington." NO EVIDENCE Larson said he has found no evidence thus far of "wrongdoing or influence" in his agencies in connection with the contract for tungsten, a scarce metal used in steel production. He said he will publish all findings and, if there appears to be wrongdoing, will refer it to the Justice Department.

Westbrook, a research and development engineer and former Army man, had been the Democratic committee's liaison with members of Congress since last Jan. 3. Recently he had been working in the Texas state campaign for a Democratic national ticket. Westbrook told the Herald Tribune from Dallas he had done nothing wrong. He blamed the contract cancellation on an international group which he said wanted to sell strategic materials to the United States at a higher price than his client, a Portuguese firm called Companhia Atlantica.

One member of this rival group, Westbrook said, was Brig. Gen. Tom B. Wilson, European director of the Defense Materials Procurement Agency headed by Larson. STATEMENT In London, Wilson issued a statement last night saying Westbrook "has talked himself into a lawsuit." The statement said in part: "I have been informed that, armed with a dangerous weapon, I have been mentioned in a statement given to the American press by an individual named Westbrook as having been associated with an 'international gang' formed for the purpose of electing Gen. Eisenhower and cashing in on the United States government program for procuring strategic and critical materials."

"The charge is a vicious and unmitigated lie," Wilson said he does not know Westbrook and has "no stake whatever in the outcome of the pending elections." Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican candidate for president, said in a speech at New York City yesterday that the case is on the "order of yesterday's that goes on and on in Washington."

## Joker Fires KU Bonfire

Klamath Union High School students were angrily seeking a firebug today, for days, spirited KU students roamed the alleys and trash heaps feathering scrap wood for a bonfire. The big blaze was to highlight a pep rally tonight before the KUHHS - Grants Pass grid game. Yesterday, boxes, crates and boards were piled into a small, flammable mountain along side Kit Carson Way.

Then, later last night, came the treacherous firebug who fired the big woodpile off ahead of time. City firemen were called and ran vainly to the rally site where the fire stack but when the flames were subdued a goodly part of the wood was in ashes. But there's still enough wood for quit a blaze and students were busily engaged today in gathering more. The bonfire will be touched off again tonight, 7:30, and there will be guards posted today to keep the firebug away.

## KF Leads In Traffic Safety

Klamath Falls this year continued through September to be one of the nation's safest traffic cities. From Chicago today, the Associated Press reported the National Safety Council listed Klamath Falls as one of the three cities of comparable size in the U. S. which had not had a traffic fatality during the first nine months of this year.

The other two cities in the 10,000 to 25,000 population class which matched the Klamath Falls record were Kingsport, Tenn., and Ventura, Calif. The Safety Council said the nation's September traffic death toll was five per cent lower than in the same month last year. However, there were only four week-ends in this past September as compared to five in September, 1951, and 3,400 persons were killed in traffic accidents last month.

# Korean Debate Flares; Van Fleet Said Fired

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CLEAN SWEEP? — Two all-important football battles are billed for Modoc Field here this weekend. Tonight, the Klamath Union High School Pelicans square off with the defending state champions, the Grants Pass Cavemen. A win for the Pels would clinch the District 6 championship for the home team. Tomorrow evening, the nation's No. 1 junior college combine, the Boise College Broncos, take the field against Oregon Tech's Owls. The Broncos, being considered for the Junior Rosebowl, face perhaps their toughest foe in the high-flying Owls. A win for the Owls would focus bowl attention on them. Kickoff time for both games is 8 p.m.

## Wilson Says ODM Political

CINCINNATI (AP) — Former Defense Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson said Thursday night the mobilization agency was allowed to become subject to duress on the part of organized labor "clearly for political reasons." He spoke at the dinner meeting of the Cincinnati Post of the American Ordnance Association.

Wilson said as defense mobilization last March after a disagreement with President Truman on settlement of the steel wage-price dispute. Wilson said "the Office of Defense Mobilization was founded on a broad and complete grant of power by the President to the director."

"The fatal mistake was when the President withdrew that grant in time of crisis and test as represented by the steel strike," Wilson said "the President of the United States should be able to endanger the nation's economic health or its ability to defend itself by his own act or his failure to act in a crisis."

He described "the Korean war as a sickening scale—and yet we are told, officially, that we are not at war."

## Allies Assault Triangle Hill

SEOUL (AP) — United Nations troops struggled today toward the crest of Triangle Hill in a cold, slashing rain today after twice losing the vital Korean Central Front position to Chinese human wave assaults. But at nightfall the Chinese still held the crest and the Allied infantrymen pulled back from the close quarter hand grenade fighting.

Rain clouds cleared and a waxing moon shed a soft, pale light over the death filled ridges. Allied gloom over the loss of Triangle was eased slightly late Friday when about 175 survivors were found of three units cut off on Triangle. Some were badly wounded. Their comrades had made an epic death stand against the on-rushing Chinese horde.

AP Correspondent John Randolph reported from the front that Red machine gun fire stalled the second Allied counter-thrust in midafternoon about 150 yards from the muddy crest.

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## Payroll Deduction Plan Said Locally Successful

By WALLACE MYERS Another striking illustration of the success of the payroll deduction plan for support of community service and welfare work has been revealed at Klamath Community Chest headquarters. Employees of the U.S. National Bank branch here have made a chest contribution totaling 70 per cent more than last year's amount.

Only other contribution already made to the chest this year by employees of a large firm came from Palmerton Lumber Company workers who used to payroll deduction idea to jump the amount of their contribution 60 per cent ahead of last year.

More than 30 firms in the county employing 15 or more employees are in various stages of setting up the payroll deduction plan. If anything like the amount of increases in giving come from employees of these other companies, the chest has a good chance of reaching its goal here for the first time in several years.

## Police Take Kidnaper

FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — James Francis Hill and a prison mate were recaptured at nearby Yule Friday and two of the eight persons they kidnaped during an all night race through Florida were freed.

Hill, 31, and his prison pal, James Douglas, 30, were nabbed at a roadblock on U. S. Highway 17, about 20 miles north of Jacksonville.

With them as captives were an Air Force man from Tampa, Pfc. Robert H. Tarr of MacDill Field and a young woman, Miss Marilyn Cummings of Winfield, Ill. The desperados were driving the couple's car when halted.

Their fantastic escapade began Thursday with Hill forcing Jimmy Trish of Buffalo, N. Y., to drive him to the prison camp near Bartow, Fla., where Hill held guards at bay with a pistol and set four men free.

The four were Douglas, Hubert Gunn, Robert Key and Richard Schmidt. All have now been recaptured. Hill was the last of three men sought for a two-day kidnap dash through Georgia and Tennessee during which they held 20 persons at one time or another.

Virgil LeMay, 35, was the first captured and Charles Hopkins, another prison mate of Hill's, was arrested in Jacksonville Tuesday afternoon by an FBI agent who recognized him at the post office. Both LeMay and Hopkins said Hill was the ringleader. His kidnap victims said Hill called himself a "three-gun maniac."

The Georgia and Tennessee victims were robbed but not harmed. (Earlier story on page 6)

## Parties Due For Halloween

Modern day Halloween is nothing like the old days, but it's probably lots more fun to all persons concerned. Some 2,000 Klamath youngsters today were being treated to school Halloween parties sponsored by more than a dozen fraternal and civic service organizations.

And tonight instead of the usual trick and treat business, a goodly number of youngsters will act as "Friendly Beggars" and collect household articles for needy families overseas.

Of course, there will probably be a little old fashioned skidduggery mixed in with the rest. There probably always will be. Under the direction of the City Recreation Department, the school parties started last night with a party at Mills school.

Conger school has a party planned for this evening under the sponsorship of the Toketee Lions Club, and at KUHHS tonight after the Grants Pass game a party is being sponsored by the Moose Lodge and the Parents and Patrons Club. The Moose are providing chaperones, and all teenagers in the Klamath Basin are invited.

This afternoon the Rotary Club and PTA are putting on a party at Fairview School which last year drew 575 persons; The Jaycees and Exchange Club are putting on a party at Fremont with the PTA which last year drew 235. VFW and PTA are putting on a party at Pelican School which last year drew 400.

The 20-30 Club and PTA are putting on a party at Riverside where none was held last year; The Kiwanis Club is putting on a party with the PTA at Roosevelt which last year drew 190. Knights of Columbus and the Sacred Heart Mother's Club are putting on a party this afternoon in the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart. Last year 175 participated.

## Kaler Refutes Knockdown

Ambulance operator Jim Kaler today angrily denied he was knocked down by a berserk patient in Klamath Valley Hospital early yesterday morning.

Kaler had answered a State Police call to pick up a man injured in an automobile crash on the Greensprings. At the hospital, the injured man who had been unconscious, came to as he was being prepared for admittance and began resisting efforts to garb him in a hospital gown.

Kaler said he was assisting the nurse when the injured man suddenly swung on him, landing a stiff punch on the back of the neck. Kaler said the blow was a tough one but didn't floor him as reported in the Herald and News yesterday.

The injured man, identified by police as Clarence Hamilton, Beatty, was later allowed to don his clothes and leave the hospital. Kaler said if the man had struck the nurse as hard as he did him the nurse might have been seriously injured.

## White House Denies Any War Shakeup

WASHINGTON (AP) — The great campaign debate over sending South Koreans into the line to replace American soldiers in Korea mushroomed today, like an atomic explosion today, billowing out to Tokyo and Paris. At its vortex, the heat of the word battle brought a White House denial that Gen. James A. Van Fleet is being relieved as Eighth Army commander and, from secret Pentagon files, a mass of data showing:

1. Van Fleet's request that South Korean forces be doubled—from 10 to 20 divisions—was opposed as premature by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, then United Nations commander in Tokyo, and now supreme commander of North Atlantic Treaty forces in Paris.

RIDGWAY SHAPE (AP) — A SHAPE spokesman said Friday that Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway will make no comment on the debate over Gen. James A. Van Fleet's plan to turn over the defense of Korea to the Southern Koreans. "That's politics," he added.

2. Ridgway's position was upheld by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of Defense Louis A. Howe. 3. The Defense Department says it has been carrying out a long-range program to turn over the defense of Korea to the South Koreans as soon as leaders can be trained and seasoned in combat.

4. Gen. Mark Clark, Ridgway's successor in Tokyo, has pursued this program and has submitted a longer-range proposal for further expansion, now being studied at the Pentagon. NEW YORK The New York Daily News published a story today saying Van Fleet was being relieved for writing a letter quoted in a campaign speech by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican candidate for president.

The News said the official orders are to be kept secret until after the voting next Tuesday. The story added that Van Fleet's successor in Korea will be Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, now Army deputy chief of staff for operation and administration. At Detroit, where President Truman's entourage was campaigning for the Democratic ticket, a press aide said:

"President Truman has not fired Gen. Van Fleet and has no intention of firing him." Earlier, the Army and Defense Departments and Clark's Tokyo headquarters denied receiving any orders from the White House to relieve Van Fleet. Neither Clark nor Van Fleet, who was questioned at Seoul, would comment. A spokesman for Van Fleet said he does not plan to comment.

EISENHOWER Eisenhower, on a radio-television broadcast from New York Wednesday night, read part of Van Fleet's letter in support of his contention that Republic of Korea troops should man their own front lines as soon as possible. The letter, dated Oct. 30, was addressed to Maj. Gen. Orlando C. Wood, Van Fleet's former chief of staff now in Washington, with a copy to Mrs. Van Fleet. The

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GORDON (SCOTTY) FRASER, special agent for the Fire Association Group, Portland, tried the bird hunting here today.



PIRE BETWEEN THE WALLS at the Superior Troy dry cleaning plant on Klamath Avenue was doused by city firemen yesterday afternoon. Firemen dry cleaned damage was slight.